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1. [redacted] the North Hamgyong Electric Office was in In'gok-tong (N 41-47, E 129-48) (EB-662275) near Ch'ongjin, in a building 13 meters long, 5 meters wide, and 2 meters high, with wooden walls and a tin roof camouflaged with mud. Four meters south of the office building was a second building 10 meters long, 3 meters wide, and 2 meters high which was used as a dining hall and a dormitory. At the rear of the office was an air raid tunnel which was used for offices by the manager and staff members.

2. The electric office was divided into four sections which included an Operations Section, Outside Line Section, Business Section, and Accounting Section. About 30 clerks and 20 laborers were employed. The chief of the Operations Section was YI Ku-kun (2621/3061/2704)

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[redacted] Chief of the Outside Line Section was CHIN Chong-tal (7115/6297/6671)

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[redacted] The Business Section chief was YI Yong-sam (2621/3057/0005)

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3. The North Hamgyong Electric Office, which was under the jurisdiction of the North Korean Electric Bureau, maintained branch offices in all the cities and towns in the province. The office was responsible for repairing all electrical lines, all important electrical repair work, and for collecting fees which were payable monthly whether or not the power had actually been supplied. Electricity for Ch'ongjin came from the Puryong-gun hydroelectric generating plant at N 42-02, E 129-43 (EB-590517) which sent 5,000 kilowatts. Additional electric power was obtained from Manchuria through the transformer station at Aoji (N 42-31, E 130-24) (FC-148078). To conserve electricity, private homes and businesses were allotted no power. Electricity was distributed only to government organizations and to the residences of staff members and employees of government organizations. Electricity cost 40 won for 30 watts a month and 75 won

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for 100 watts. Power to operate a one-horsepower motor cost 400 won a month.

4. A motor repair factory under the jurisdiction of the electric office was in Ch'angp'yong-ni, Ch'ongjin, at EB-643299 in a wooden building 20 meters long, 7 meters wide and 3 meters high which had a tin roof. The southern part of the building was used as an office and the northern end as the factory which was equipped with lathes, welding machines, and other tools for motor repair. All (sic) motors in North Hamgyong Province were to be repaired at the factory after having been registered at the electric office. [REDACTED] the factory had a backlog of 100 motors to be repaired. Five technicians and clerks were employed in the office and 20 laborers in the factory. The head of the factory was CHANG Nak-kun (1728/3157/0689) [REDACTED]

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